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125th Anniversary SBC Sessions
To Open Monday, Close Thursday

DENVER (BP)--The Southern Baptist Convention, meeting here June 1-4 for its 125th anniversary celebration, will feature a program with a totally new concept compared to previous sessions, the chairman of the convention's committee on order of business said in announcing the program plans.

The convention will open on Monday evening, rather than the traditional Tuesday evening; and will conclude on Thursday at noon, rather than the usual Friday evening closing. Sessions will be in Currigan Hall of Denver's Convention Center.

Instead of the usual nine convention sessions, there will only be seven sessions in 1970, and agency reports which formerly took the bulk of time during the convention will be presented in printed form during a ten minute segment on Tuesday afternoon.

Time for transaction of business, however, will increase from 3½ hours to more than six hours in the 1970 programs. Recommendations from the agencies will be acted upon during one of the business sessions.

Visual presentations will be mixed with preaching to provide high hours of inspiration, said Robert S. Scales, pastor of Trinity Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, and chairman of the committee on order of business, which prepared the program.

Scales said the changes were made possible through two actions of the 1969 convention in New Orleans, which voted to set aside the rules of procedures, and to request the committee to provide as much time as possible for business in the 1970 sessions.

Theme for the convention will be, "Living The Christ Life" Sessions will be at Denver's new Convention Center.

The convention will open Monday evening with a program featuring a visual presentation on the first 125 years of convention history. Also included is the annual president's message by W. A. Criswell, pastor of First Baptist Church, Dallas, and concluding his second year as president of the 11.4 million member body.

The convention will close at noon on Thursday with an address by Southern Baptist Evangelist Billy Graham, in a special program on facing up to the challenges of today and the future, Scales said.

Worship will highlight the Tuesday night session when the annual sermon will be preached by Grady C. Cothen, president of Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee, Okla.

The program will take on an international flavor with the appearance of Sir Cyril Black, a member of Parliament and president of the Baptist Union of Great Britain and Ireland. He will speak on Tuesday morning.

A world missions emphasis on Wednesday night will involve the combined efforts of the Home and Foreign Mission Boards, the Woman's Missionary Union and Brotherhood, as they depict the world wide task of the churches. In previous conventions, each of these agencies has been allotted separate time.

Representatives of the six Southern Baptist theological seminaries will lead brief worship periods throughout the convention. The seminaries will also present a program on the contribution of their insitutions to the local churches, Scales said.

There will also be an emphasis on Tuesday morning projecting the program of the convention for the Seventies, and another emphasis on Tuesday evening will stress the denomination's service to the local churches.

The entire Tuesday afternoon session will be devoted to business, with the exception of a brief worship period and an emphasis on the seminaries.

There will be no convention session on Wednesday afternoon, which will be left free to extra activities.

The special visual presentation depicting the 125th Anniversary of the convention is being coordinated by Mrs. R. L. Mathis, president of the SBC Woman's Missionary Union.

Because the convention is opening Monday evening rather than the traditional Tuesday night, the related conferences and conventions which previously have preceded the SBC have changed their schedules, Scales said. He added that the committee on order of business had worked closely with the presidents of these organizations to achieve a correlated schedule of activities.

The Southern Baptist Pastors' Conference and the SBC Woman's Missionary Convention will begin Sunday afternoon with a joint session emphasizing music and missions. Both will conclude Monday afternoon.

The Pastors' Conference is planning an evangelistic service in the convention center on Sunday evening in cooperation with local churches.

The SBC Religious Education Conference also will start Sunday afternoon and conclude Monday afternoon, but the Southern Baptist Church Music Conference will meet after the SBC, Friday morning through Saturday noon, June 5-6.

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WMU Convention, Pastors
Slate Joint Sessions

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DENVER (BP)--A "Music and Missions" hymn festival will open both the Southern Baptist Pastors' Conference and the SBC Woman's Missionary Union Annual Convention here Sunday afternoon, May 31, prior to the 125th anniversary meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention, scheduled June 1-4.

The Women's Convention and Pastors' Conference will also cooperate in an evangelistic service scheduled Sunday evening. Both sessions will be in the arena of Denver's Convention Center.

The two major groups will hold separate sessions on Monday, June 1, and adjourn Monday afternoon just prior to the opening of the Southern Baptist Convention itself.

Norma Zimmer and Jim Roberts, stars of the Lawrence Welk Show, will be among the soloists for the Sunday afternoon hymn festival, according to Mrs. R. L. Mathis, of Waco, Texas, president of the SBC Woman's Missionary Union.

Organist will be Fred Bock, and pianist will be Kurt Kaiser, both of Word Records, Inc., Waco, Tex.

Audience participation at the hymn festival will be directed by Claude H. Rhea Jr., chairman of the division of music at Samford University, Birmingham, Ala.; and Gene Bartlett, church music secretary for the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma.

Missionaries bringing testimonies during the Sunday afternoon session will be Bob Tremaine of Worcester, Mass., and new appointees of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board.

SBC President W. A. Criswell of Dallas will interpret the theme, "Living The Christ Life," which embraces the WMU meeting and the Southern Baptist Convention sessions.

Mrs. Mathis explained that the hymn sing and testimony meeting will feature the convention's 125th anniversary. The audience and soloists will sing hymns that have been important through the convention's history, as well as contemporary favorites.

The hymn festival will begin at 2:30 p.m., Sunday, May 31. Schedule for the meeting was worked out jointly by the Woman's Missionary Union, Pastors' Conference and SBC Committee on Order of Business.

Other WMU Sessions will be held Monday morning and afternoon June 1, at the Convention Center's theater. One session will spotlight home missions in the West; and the other will be devoted to foreign missions, said Mrs. Mathis. Both will accent the historical, since the SBC Home and Foreign Mission Boards will also be observing their 125th anniversaries.

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Baptist Relief Supplements
Nigerian Red Cross Program

RICHMOND (BP)--As the rehabilitation of thousands of uprooted Nigerians gains momentum following a 30-month-long civil war, Baptist relief ministries are proceeding under the supervision of Nigerian authorities.

The Nigeria Baptist Mission met in Ogbomosho in January and geared its relief strategy to supplement that of the Nigerian Red Cross, which is officially coordinating all relief in Nigeria.

Southern Baptist missionaries have distributed food for the Red Cross in one state of Nigeria and are cooperating in other states where large-scale relief is underway.

The International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), based in Switzerland, withdrew from the Nigerian relief operation on Feb. 6 and offered its stocks of food and medicine to the Nigerian Red Cross.

Two problems which faced relief workers when the war ended Jan. 12 were the vast numbers of people in need of food and clothing and the mass movement of displaced persons returning to their homes.

"Relief needs are great, yet it appears that the majority of people are in better physical condition than we first feared," Edgar H. Burks, executive secretary of the Nigerian Baptist Mission, reported recently.

"The Nigerian army and the Red Cross find it hard to deal with these moving masses, but we are convinced that soon relief measures will be adequately organized," Burks added.

He said that relief money will be needed for several months, until people can grow and harvest crops.

Southern Baptist missionaries plan to set up a church-centered program of food distribution in the Port Harcourt and Enugu areas to correct the effects of malnutrition, according to C. Turner Hopkins, treasurer of the Mission.

This will require a supply of high-protein foods and food additives, Hopkins said. Also, since each person to be fed in the program must be closely supervised from one to three months, Nigerian Baptist pastors will be asked to help.

In the Port Harcourt area, Baptist churches and the area Baptist association are being reorganized, damaged church buildings are being repaired, the associational adviser is functioning again, and Bible schools are being held for Nigerian pastors.

Missionaries in and around Port Harcourt are doing several types of work. For example, Urban L. Green is coordinating the efforts of the missionaries, the Nigerian Baptist Convention and the Nigerian government. Mrs. Green, a nurse, conducts government-approved medical clinics in her home and in outlying areas.

Miss Emogene Harris has been distributing clothing and cooking utensils in camps for displaced persons. "Most of the refugees are brought in with little or nothing," she wrote in January.

"Many have lived in the bush for months," Miss Harris said. Members of families are separated and do not know if they will ever see one another again. Gifts from Southern Baptists made it possible for us to give clothing, medicine and food to those who are suffering."

Miss Harris helped start Baptist services in a camp with a population of about 14,000. In less than a year's time attendance at the services increased from 14 to 728, and 113 persons professed faith in Christ.

When the camp became overcrowded many of the people, including some Baptists, were relocated to two other camps. Soon the Baptists began services in both.

When Miss Harris asked a group of Baptist leaders in one of the camps to tell her what they needed most, they replied: "Bibles in our own language. We are hungry for them."

Following a vote of the mission in its January meeting, Miss Dale Moore moved from Lagos to Port Harcourt, where she had previously helped to develop religious education in Baptist churches.

The Mission also voted for Dr. and Mrs. W. Wayne Logan, now in Ibadan, to reopen the Baptist Dental Center in Enugu in February. They organized the center in 1958.

Dr. Logan said it will take six months to replace lost and damaged equipment and to repair the building. Until he can resume a full schedule at the center he will operate temporary dental clinics around Enugu.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert D. Williams, now at Keffi near Jos, also hope to return to Eastern Nigeria, perhaps to the Aba-Overri area. They studied the Ibo language prior to the outbreak of the war, expecting to teach in a Baptist college in which Ibo would be spoken.

To the west of the Niger River, Z. Don Reece continues to conduct clinics and distribute food furnished by the Nigerian Red Cross. He and Mrs. Reece are living at Eku.

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EDITOR: Edgar H. Burks is from Pineville, Mo.; C. Turner Hopkins, Marianna, Ark.; Mr. and Mrs. Urban L. Green, Carney and Stillwater, Okla.; respectively; Miss Emogene Harris, Johns, Miss.; Miss Dale Moore, Hylton, Tex.; Dr. and Mrs. W. Wayne Logan, Calhoun County and Wiggins, Miss., respectively; Mr. and Mrs. Robert D. Williams, Portland, Tex., and Columbia, Miss., respectively; and Mr. and Mrs. Z. Don Reece, Canton, N.C., and Boaz, Ala., respectively.

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First Copy For SBC Encyclopedia
Sent to Publisher For 1971 Issue

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NASHVILLE (BP)--Following a meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention Encyclopedia Committee here, the first one-fourth of the manuscripts for a third and supplementary volume of the SBC Encyclopedia were sent to the publisher.

The third volume will be released by Broadman Press in June of 1971, and will cover Southern Baptist history from the periods 1956 to 1970.

In the first batch of manuscripts sent to the publisher, about 575 articles of the estimated 1,800 articles had been turned in. More than 900 authors are writing for the Encyclopedia.

The third volume will supplement the two-volume SBC Encyclopedia published in 1958, and will seek to up-date the earlier editions. The third volume will cover events that have transpired since the first two volumes came out.

Final copy deadline for the Encyclopedia is Nov. 5, 1970, said Davis C. Woolley, executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Historical Commission and managing editor for the Encyclopedia, Volume III.

Woolley said the third volume will be "a comprehensive history of the convention over the past 12 years," including biographical information on denominational leaders who have died since 1956, any information omitted in the first two volumes, and historical information on the convention, its agencies, all state conventions, and their agencies.

The new volume will use the same type, binding, format, paper, etc., as the previous volumes, and will be about 500 pages in length.

An editorial committee headed by Howard Colson, editorial secretary for the SBC Sunday School Board, is coordinating the editing. Woolley, as managing editor, is being assisted by Lynn E. May, assistant managing editor, and Terry Jones, editorial assistant.

May is research director for the SBC Historical Commission, and Jones is a doctoral student in church history at Vanderbilt Divinity School, Nashville.

Woolley said the third volume would be released in time for the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in St. Louis, June 1-4, 1971.

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S O U T H E R N B A P T I S T C O N V E N T I O N

June 1-4, 1970
 Currigan Hall
 Denver, Colorado

THEME: "Living the Christ Life"

OFFICERS: W. A. Criswell, president; pastor, First Baptist Church, Dallas, Texas
 Lee Porter, first vice president; pastor, First Baptist Church, Bellaire, Texas
 Harper Shannon, second vice president; pastor, First Baptist Church, Dothan, Ala.
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 W. Fred Kendall, registration secretary; executive secretary, Tennessee Baptist Convention, Nashville, Tennessee
 Porter W. Routh, treasurer; executive secretary-treasurer, SBC Executive Committee, Nashville, Tennessee
 Lee Roy Till, music director; minister of music, First Baptist Church, Dallas, Texas
 W. C. Fields, press representative; public relations secretary, SBC Executive Committee, Nashville, Tennessee
 Robert Scales, chairman, committee on order of business; pastor, Trinity Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

PROPOSED ORDER OF BUSINESS

MONDAY, EVENING, JUNE 1

Session Theme: "The Christ Life--A Blessed Heritage"

6:45 Music for Inspiration
 7:00 Call to Order
 Congregational Singing
 Scripture and Prayer--V. Lavell Seats, professor, Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Kansas City, Missouri
 7:10 Report of Registration and Constituting of the Convention--W. Fred Kendall, executive secretary, Tennessee Baptist Convention, Nashville, Tennessee
 7:15 Committee on Order of Business--Robert S. Scales, pastor, Trinity Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
 7:20 Welcome (Governor Love of Colorado has been invited)
 7:35 Introductions and Recognitions of officers' families, past presidents, guests
 7:55 Announcement of Committee on Committees, Committee on Resolutions, Tellers
 8:00 Congregational Singing
 Special Music
 8:10 President's Message--W. A. Criswell, pastor, First Baptist Church, Dallas, Texas
 8:45 125th Anniversary of the Southern Baptist Convention Celebration, a visual presentation
 9:45 Adjourn

TUESDAY MORNING, JUNE 2

Session Theme: "The Christ Life--A Blessed Responsibility"

9:15 Music for Inspiration
 9:30 Invocation
 Executive Committee Report and Recommendations--Porter W. Routh, executive secretary-treasurer, Nashville, Tennessee
 10:30 Worship
 Scripture and Prayer
 Congregational Singing
 10:40 Recognition of Fraternal Messengers
 Message: Sir Cyril Black, London, England; member of Parliament; president, British Baptist Union

- 10:55 Election of Officers
 11:25 Projecting the Program of the Seventies--Executive Committee, Porter W. Routh,
 executive secretary-treasurer, Nashville, Tennessee
 12:15 Congregational Singing
 12:20 Introduction of Miscellaneous Business and Resolutions
 1:00 Adjourn

TUESDAY AFTERNOON, JUNE 2

- 2:15 Music for Inspiration
 2:30 Invocation
 Election of Officers
 Introduction of Miscellaneous Business and Resolutions
 3:15 Receiving of Agency Reports as printed in the Book of Reports:

General Boards:

Foreign Mission Board
 Home Mission Board

Sunday School Board
 Annuity Board

Institutions:

Golden Gate Seminary
 Midwestern Seminary
 New Orleans Seminary
 Southeastern Seminary
 Southern Seminary

Southwestern Seminary
 Seminary Extension Department
 Southern Baptist Foundation
 Southern Baptist Hospitals

Commissions:

American Baptist Seminary Commission
 Brotherhood Commission
 Christian Life Commission
 Education Commission

Historical Commission
 Radio and Television Commission
 Stewardship Commission

Standing Committees:

Denominational Calendar

Public Affairs Committee

Special Committees Reporting 1970:

Baptist State Papers

Canadian Baptist Cooperation

Associated Organizations:

Woman's Missionary Union

- 3:25 Scripture and Prayer--Fred L. Fisher, professor, Golden Gate Baptist Theological
 Seminary, Mill Valley, California
 3:35 Consideration of Agency Recommendations
 Election of Officers
 Introduction of Miscellaneous Business and Resolutions

TUESDAY EVENING, JUNE 2

Session Theme: "The Christ Life--A Blessed Fellowship"

- 7:15 Music for Inspiration
 7:30 Scripture and Prayer--J. Leo Green, professor, Southeastern Baptist Theological
 Seminary, Wake Forest, North Carolina
 The Denomination Serving the Local Churches
 8:45 Worship
 Congregational Singing
 Scripture and Prayer--R. Archie Ellis, deputy director, South Carolina Department of
 Public Welfare, Columbia, South Carolina
 Special Music
 Convention Sermon--Grady C. Cothen, president, Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee,
 Oklahoma
 9:30 Benediction

WEDNESDAY MORNING, JUNE 3

Session Theme: "The Christ Life--A Blessed Ministry"

- 9:15 Music for Inspiration
- 9:30 Invocation
Committee on Resolutions (First Report)
- 10:10 Committee on Committees
- 10:05 Committee on Boards
- 10:10 Worship
Congregational Singing
Scripture and Prayer--Jesse Northcut, dean, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary,
Fort Worth, Texas
- 10:20 Election of Officers
- 10:35 The Seminaries Serving the Churches
- 11:35 Congregational Singing
Election of Officers
Miscellaneous Business
- 12:45 Benediction

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, JUNE 3
No Convention Session

WEDNESDAY EVENING, JUNE 3

Session Theme: "The Christ Life--A Blessed Witness"

- 7:15 Music for Inspiration
- 7:30 Invocation
WORLD MISSIONS EMPHASIS
- 9:30 Benediction

THURSDAY MORNING, JUNE 4

Session Theme: "The Christ Life--A Blessed Challenge"

- 9:15 Music for Inspiration
- 9:30 Invocation
Committee on Resolutions (Final Report)
- 10:35 Worship
Congregational Singing
Scripture and Prayer--J. Hardee Kennedy, professor, New Orleans Baptist Theological
Seminary, New Orleans, Louisiana
- 10:45 Cooperative Relationships--Porter W. Routh, executive secretary, SBC Executive
Committee
American Bible Society
Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs
Baptist World Alliance
American Baptist Theological Seminary
- 11:00 Miscellaneous Business
- 11:30 Baptists Facing the Contemporary Scene and the Challenge of Tomorrow
Message--Billy Graham, Montreat, North Carolina
- 12:45 Benediction

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EDITORS EXAMINE ENCYCLOPEDIA COPY: (Davis C. Woolley (standing), managing editor of the Southern Baptist Encyclopedia, Volume III, shows the members of the Encyclopedia editorial committee how high the stack of manuscripts will be when all the copy for the 500-page volume is turned in. The first batch of copy was submitted to the publisher, Broadman Press, only recently. The volume will cover Baptist history since 1956, and will supplement the previous two volumes which covered prior history. (BP) photo.

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